



CANCER BURDEN

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,268,000 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, including 31,100 in Georgia.
- 553,400 cancer deaths will occur in the United States, including 13,600 in Georgia.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rate for cancer deaths per 100,000 persons²

Georgia: 174.1 **National:** 168.3

Georgia ranks 23rd highest overall in cancer mortality rates among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

LUNG CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 4,400 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Georgia.
- 4,100 men and women will die of lung cancer in Georgia.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for lung cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Georgia	National
Overall	53.9	48.7
White	54.7	48.5
Black	52.3	58.4
Hispanic	9.2	19.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	17.1	23.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	30.6

BREAST CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 5,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in Georgia.
- 1,000 women will die of breast cancer in Georgia.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for breast cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Georgia	National
Overall	23.7	24.2
White	21.9	23.8
Black	30.3	30.9
Hispanic	10.5	14.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	8.4	11.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	12.5

COLORECTAL CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 2,900 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Georgia.
- 1,200 men and women will die of colorectal cancer in Georgia.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Georgia	National
Overall	15.3	16.9
White	14.0	16.4
Black	20.7	22.6
Hispanic	6.8	10.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	8.4	10.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	10.8

PROSTATE CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 4,900 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed among men in Georgia.
- 800 men will die of prostate cancer in Georgia.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for prostate cancer deaths per 100,000 men, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Georgia	National
Overall	29.4	23.7
White	22.4	21.7
Black	59.8	52.1
Hispanic	-	15.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	9.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	13.4

¹ Source: American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2001. Estimates exclude more than a million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ cancers, except urinary bladder, that will be diagnosed in 2001. Lung cancer rates include bronchus cancer. State death totals were rounded to nearest 100.

² Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1993–1997.

³ Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1994–1998.

⁴ Some data were excluded because there were 75,000 or fewer persons in the denominator or 20 or fewer deaths in the numerator.